

# Committee Reports

BHC MEETING 07/12/22

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# Corrections and Law Enforcement Committee

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Robust member involvement at regular meetings, a few missed meetings this past quarter due to turn-over.

Membership has evolved; membership roster completed

Diverse perspectives of the committee and new individuals provide a wealth of information



# Corrections and Law Enforcement Priorities Complete or Almost Complete

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Priority 1: Increase training for correctional officers to better deal with individuals with behavioral health needs within our prison and probation population

DOC and NAMI conducted CIT training sessions for Correctional Officers, however; this has not been done for over year by NAMI. CIT for LE has been established and is ongoing.

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Priority 2: Develop and increase stronger partnerships and coordination between police departments, school districts and school resource officers to offer trauma informed training

SRO's have been trained in trauma informed care throughout the state. DSP will continue with trauma informed training at Fall in-service.

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Priority 3: Medicaid status should be shifted from "termination" to "suspension"

Completed by officials at the request of BHC.

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Priority 5: MAT Expansion within Department of Corrections

Completed by DOC

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# Corrections and Law Enforcement Priorities In Progress

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Priority 4: Standardize post-prison discharge treatment and wraparound services as a bridge to society, including transitional housing.

DOC and DSAMH have made incredible advances in wrap around services yet housing still is an issue. A new issue was recognized concerning the timeliness of identifying a person as homeless prior to discharge.

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Priority 7: Examine the “drug diversion program” and the sentencing for individuals with behavioral health diagnoses to explore treatment vs. prison time

Some PDs have MH workers or Care Managers working with police officers. Several drug diversion programs exist through-out the state at State, County and Municipal LE agencies.

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Priority 8: Allocate funds specifically to detection and intervention programs, law enforcement diversion programs (e.g.: pilot TRUST, Angel Program, HERO HELP)

Grants and funding have assisted LE in their drug diversion programs and mental health programs.

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Priority 9: Evaluate and develop Veterans Response Training (VRT) program

LE officers are being trained but an established program is not developed. With a new grant awarded from the CJC, CIT and VRT will establish a better program.

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# Corrections and Law Enforcement Other Priorities

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Priority 6: Study potential post-arrest avenues that would restore an individual's rights who have a behavioral health diagnosis, to increase access to medical services/medication and job/labor markets

This priority remains a matter of discussion and is related to improving wrap-around services.

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New priority to support BHC: Assist LE and the community to address crisis and mental health concerns.

Provide need crisis intervention and assistance to LE for all types of crises and follow-up services to reduce need for LE and repeated calls to 911. This is a work in progress.

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New priority to support BHC: Assist LE and the community by providing services to those who have SUD.

Diversion, post-arrest diversion expansion, increasing stabilization beds. Tremendous improvements have been made through-out the state.

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New priority: Provide sustainable Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training and programs to LE and allied agencies.

Expand existing CIT training and programs which include more training sessions and follow-up training.

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